

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Paul J. Asher-Best, Lloyd F. Rose, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator John J. Sanguinet, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, Betty Groom, Roberta Lema, Diana Worthington, Martha Ingram, Bill Worthington, Linda Maloney, Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder, and Kaimi Lum of the Banner. Christopher R. Lucy was absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of December 6, 2005 as presented, and to hold the Executive Session minutes in abeyance. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 3-0-1, with Mr. Rose abstaining due to his absence.

Public Comment: Ms. Nagy requested that the Board give permission for Mr. Morris to remove more of the parking lot lights; Mr. Wingard would be consulted to be sure that the removal did not make the lighting unsafe. She feels the lights are still too bright; she wants to conserve on energy and reduce the lighting overflow into the neighbor's yards. Mr. Gaechter requested that the Town Administrator get together with Mr. Morris and Mr. Wingard regarding this request.

Mr. Sanguinet reported that the Flying Santa program this past Sunday went very well. He commended Mr. Peters on a job well done.

Ms. Nagy asked for an update on the cupola. Mr. Morris is getting the insulating material.

Tax Classification Hearing: Mr. Gaechter opened the hearing. Ms. Maloney told the Board that she was not ready to go forward. Mr. Asher-Best suggested that they continue the hearing to next week, and that they see that the town, through the Town Administrator in consultation with the Deputy Assessor, through the Town Administrator to the BOS, and with the BOS working with the BOA, devises a plan on getting back on track for an October tax billing. Mr. Gaechter agreed, adding that the BOS must have objectives for the Town Administrator and the Deputy Assessor for next year, and if they are not met, there will be consequences. Ms. Maloney said she would be happy to work with the Town Administrator on a plan. **Mr. Palmer moved to continue the hearing to next week, December 20th. Mr. Asher-Best seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Interviews: The Board interviewed Diana Worthington as a candidate for the Tercentennial Committee. **Mr. Asher-Best moved to appoint Diana Worthington to the Truro Tercentennial Celebration Committee, which Mr. Gaechter seconded. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

After interviewing Roberta Lema, **Mr. Asher-Best moved to appoint Roberta Lema to the Truro Tercentennial Celebration Committee, which Mr. Palmer seconded. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Following her interview, **Mr. Asher-Best moved to appoint Martha Ingram to the Truro Tercentennial Celebration Committee, which Mr. Palmer seconded. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Town Administrator's Report, action items:

- Received several reports from the NPS. The public comment period for the short term municipal use of water supply wells at the former NT Air Force Base ends on January 6th. Mr. Palmer informed the BOS that the WROC is preparing a comment. Mr. Asher-Best said the BOS should see it first. The second report is on the Fire Management plan environmental assessment. Mr. Gaechter requested that see that the Fire Department and the ConsCom receive a copy. The final report received is on the replacement access road to serve the VOR facility. It outlines two options, one of which the NPS prefers and one that is preferred by the FAA. Mr. Gaechter prefers the easterly scheme preferred by the NPS; it is close to C-5, and so it may prove useful in the future as an access road. **Mr. Palmer moved to endorse the NPS preference for an access road, that a letter of support be drafted and that the Chair be authorized to sign it. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**
- Received a letter from the Snells regarding the steeple lights. There was discussion on the wattage and coloring of the lights illuminating the steeple. Mr. Sanguinet had spoken to Mr. Snell and told the Board the letter was not meant to be a complaint of the steeple lights, but they are concerned with the inside lights that are always on. Mr. Palmer suggested installing a light sensitive devise to turn the steeple lights on at sunset and off at dawn.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports:

Palmer: -Reported that the COA endorses the TBC recommendation to bring to the BOS.
- As reported earlier, the WROC will comment to the NPS on the use of the former NTAFB wells.

Gaechter: -Reported on the Historic Review Board public hearing on 1 Highland Road. They gave the owners a 60-day review period. Discussion ensued on the need to rework this bylaw. Mr. Gaechter directed the Town Administrator to get copies of similar bylaws from other towns, and put the matter on a future BOS agenda.

- Reported on the CCNS Advisory Board meeting he attended. They discussed the Wilderness Area Designation directive and Mr. Gaechter said the BOS should keep their eye on it.

Asher-Best: -Disseminated information to the BOS on GASB 45-unfunded liability. Ms. Nolan has talked with the Town Accountant and the Town Clerk about this and they have a handle on it.

At 6:55 p.m. Mr. Palmer moved to adjourn. Mr. Rose seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Paul Asher-Best, Clerk

Lloyd F. Rose

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